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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
4,730,136	03/08/1988	Müller

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
DE 44 43 618 A1	06/22/1995	DE
JP 63-249456 A	10/17/1988	JPO

GB 1 213 463 A	11/25/1970	GB
WO 02/33803 A2	04/25/2002	WIPO
FR 2 497 419 A	07/02/1982	FR

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS
Supplementary European Search Report issued March 13, 2008 in European application number 04725499.0

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), either English language abstracts, partial translations, or full translations are included for patent documents which are not in English for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the references to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Reference D7 is a Supplementary European Search Report issued in the counterpart EP application. References D1-D6 were cited in the European Search Report. References D2 and D5 are in Germany, Reference D3 is in Japanese, and Reference D6 is in French. Applicant is submitting an English abstract for each of the References D2, D3 and D5. For Reference D6, Applicant is submitting Reference D1, which is the counterpart U.S. application of Reference D6.

Reference D7 also cited JP 9-163708, JP 2000-232742 and JP 2000-262030, which were already disclosed in the previous Information Disclosure Documents submitted on September 30, 2005 and November 7, 2006. In addition, Reference D7 cited EP 1134383, whose counterpart JP application JP 2001-303984 was already disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on September 30, 2005.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other

information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the Applicant or Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).

The Applicant or Applicants certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference). Accordingly, Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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